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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

DETAILED LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

- (Currently Amended) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising.
 a) a cannula;
- b) a protective element <u>for accommodating a which can accommodate said</u> cannula <u>in a retracted position</u>;
- e) an operating element <u>for expelling</u>, <u>using which</u> the cannula can be moved out of said protective element; and
- d) a holder which is fixedly connected to the cannula a base body removably connected to the protective element, wherein the cannula is expelled from the protective element through an opening in the base body.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a holder which is fixedly connected to the cannula and said holder comprises a connecting element that connects with the base body upon expulsion of the cannula from the protective body through the opening in the base body.
- 3. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a needle surrounded by the cannula.
- 4. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein said needle can be inserted completely into the protective element.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the a spring or operating element is provided which simultaneously expels the needle and the cannula from generates a force on the needle in an inserting direction into the protective element in an inserting direction.

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6. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the <u>protective element</u> is disconnected from the <u>device is connected to a</u> base body <u>after expulsion of the cannula</u>; wherein the connection is detachable.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim $\underline{1}$ 6, wherein said base body consists of a foundation body arranged on a plaster.
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a solid, non-ductile body.
- 10. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a frame which at least partially surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.
- 11. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the protective element is a sheath which completely surrounds the cannula when it is retracted.
- 12. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein said operating element is connected to the protective element when retracted.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 12, wherein the operating element is formed such that it prevents the connection between the protective element and to the base foundation body from being released before the cannula is expelled from the protective element.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim $\underline{2}$ 4, wherein a sealing element is provided in the holder.

Claims 15-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A device for inserting a cannula into tissue, comprising:

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a) a cannula;

b) a protective element for accommodating a cannula in a retracted position;

a cannula expelling <u>element</u> <u>device</u> for <u>expelling moving</u> said cannula <u>from the protective</u> element; <u>and</u>

e) a restoring element which is coupled to the cannula expelling <u>element</u> device, in order to retract said cannula expelling <u>element</u> device again once the cannula has been expelled; and

a base body removably connected to the protective element, wherein the cannula is expelled from the protective element through an opening in the base body.

- 26. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the cannula expelling <u>element device</u> is a needle.
- 27. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein said restoring element is a spring element.
- 28. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 27, wherein a triggering element is provided for the restoring element such that the restoring element <u>is</u> can be automatically triggered, in particular when the cannula inserting protective element device is detached from <u>the</u> <u>base</u> a foundation body connected to it.
- 29. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, wherein the cannula expelling <u>element</u> device further comprises a spring.
- 30. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 29, wherein said cannula expelling <u>element</u> device and the restoring element are formed by a single element, in particular the spring.
- 31. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 25, further comprising a triggering element for securing and triggering at least one of the cannula expelling <u>element</u> device and the restoring element.

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32. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 31, further comprising a securing element for arresting said triggering element.

33. (Original) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the device is a disposable device or a reusable device.

34. (Currently Amended) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein a rotational connection for connecting the <u>protective element</u> eannula inserting device to <u>the base</u> a foundation body is provided.

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